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SUBJECT: ISRAELI AIR RAID ON BEIRUT

1. AT 1400 GMT, ACCORDING TO LEBANESE ARMY, G-2 FOUR
RPT FOUR ISRAELI PHANTOMS MADE AT LEAST TWO PASSES OVER
BEIRUT, LAUNCHING ROCKETS AGAINST TARGETS IN SABRA
QUARTER (WHICH INCLUDES SHATILA REFUGEE CAMP). NO
INFO AS YET AVAILABLE ON DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES.
ATTACKS WERE MET BY ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE, BUT NO HITS
WERE OBSERVED. ISRAELI AIRCRAFT DEPARTED AFTER
APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES.

2. COMMENT: WE APPRECIATE PROVOCATION FOR SOME
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ISRAELI ACTION, BUT I MUST MAKE CLEAR THAT WE

CANNOT GUARANTEE SECURITY AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF SOME
6,000 PERSONS IN BEIRUT IF ISRAELIS ATTACK CITY.
WOULD HOPE DEPT. WILL TAKE MEASURES IMMEDIATELY TO ASSURE
THAT THERE IS NO RPT NO REPETITION OF RAIDS AGAINST
BEIRUT. PRESUME DEPT. WOULD ALSO SEE FIT TO DEPLORE RAIDS
ON CROWDED POPULATION CENTERS. WE ARE EXTREMELY
LUCKY TO GET OFF UNSCATHED IN APRIL 1973 ISRAELI RAID,
BUT WE CANNOT PUSH OUR LUCK TOO FAR.
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